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Appl. No.	: 10/578,691 (National Stage of PCT/JP2004/016663)	Examiner : Jimmy T. VU
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For	: LIGHTING DEVICE FOR A HIGH-PRESSURE DISCHARGE LAMP AND LIGHTING EQUIPMENT EMPLOYING SAME	

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of March 18, 2009, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on June 18, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7.